

Bill of Rights Poster Project Rubric

Background Information:

The United States Constitution has endured for over 200 years as the supreme (or highest) law of the land. It is a living document that is central to American life. The Bill of Rights is the reason why the Constitution was even passed. Ratified (passed) in 1791, the Bill of Rights contains ten amendments that work to protect Americans' personal liberties that many feared would be weakened under the new Constitution. Today, these amendments continue to protect Americans' personal liberties.

Your Task:

Create a poster describing your assigned Amendment to the Constitution to inform your classmates about its meaning and importance to early America and today.

Poster Must Include:

- The name of the amendment in big, bold letters.
- The actual text of the amendment (check the textbook pages 232-233).
- A paragraph description (in your own words) of the importance of the amendment to America today.
- A hand-drawn, colored illustration (drawing) showing the amendment in action (school appropriate images only).

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Amendment Basics (2 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of amendment is at the top of the poster in big, bold words (1 pt.)• Entire text of the amendment is included in the poster (1 pt.)	
Description of the Amendment (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explains the historical background of the amendment and why its provisions were included in the constitution (2 pts.)• Completely analyzes the meaning of the amendment and the phrases and words within it (2 pts.)• Includes key term(s) within description (1 pt.)	
Original Picture (4 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture is original (created by you) and large enough to be easily seen (1 pt.)• Illustrates the amendment in action or important ideas and concepts to the amendment (1 pt.)• Picture is accurate (1 pt.)• Picture is colored (1 pt.)	
Neatness and Mechanics (4 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poster is neatly done – typed or written in ink (1 pt.)• Poster is well-organized (section titles) and fills the entire space of paper (2 pts.)• Descriptions mostly use correct mechanics, grammar, and spelling (1 pt.)	

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